

TEMPORARY SPEED BUMPS:
A POLICY ON REQUEST, APPROVAL, PLACEMENT, AND REMOVAL
WITHIN THE CITY OF LA CROSSE.

This memorandum is to provide the Board of Public Works with the recommendations of the City Traffic Engineer, Engineering Department, and Street Department regarding criteria for the use of temporary speed bump in the City of La Crosse (City).

The following is a list of steps outlining the process of receiving and prioritizing requests, approving temporary installation and removal, and any associated traffic tasks related to, temporary speed bumps on public streets of the City.

1. Requests shall be from City residents only, and relayed via their Alderperson or the Mayor to the Board of Public Works.
2. Requests shall be considered by the Board of Public Works in the order received.
3. Requests may be accompanied by a fee, as determined and set by separate order by the Board or Public Works, prior to installation.
4. Requests shall only be for streets classified as Local Roads.
5. Requests received after September 1 shall be considered for implementation the following year.
6. Speed bumps shall only be installed between April 1 and September 15, with all speed bumps removed no later than September 30.
7. Speed bumps shall only be installed for two continuous weeks at a time, and shall only be installed on a given block once every ten years.
8. Speed bumps shall be placed so as to span the entire width of the roadway, with gaps no less than two feet and no greater than four feet between all speed bump ends and faces of curb & gutter, to allow storm drainage around and through them.
9. Speed bumps shall be anchored to the pavement surface.
10. Speed bumps shall be spaced no closer than 50 feet to an intersection, no closer than 200 feet to another set of speed bumps between sets, with two sets of bumps required on any block 300 feet or longer, and no more than three sets on blocks of extraordinary length.

For any site requesting an associated full traffic study to further understand the existing and affected traffic patterns and speeds, placement of a traffic counter and roadway tubes shall be required one week prior to speed bump installation and one week after speed bump removal on the street of request. Traffic counters requested for up to two adjacent streets, parallel to the street of request, may be installed before, during, and after the time of speed bump occupancy, only as equipment and staff are available as determined by the City Engineer, and as specifically directed by the Board of Public Works.

Approved by Board of Public Works November 9, 2020